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THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MT. Diablo Amateur Radio Club will be held this Friday, August 15, at 8:00PM at the East Contra Costa Junior College. Part of the program is planned as a Field Day "Critique" - a discussion which is planned for after the meeting. More details of this in the Board Meeting news. A movie is planned, but title is not yet confirmed. Come to the meeting and see what is going to come up!

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## BOARD MEETING NEWS:

This month the Board Meeting was held at the home of K6IMV, Parky Parkinson with W6LGW, W6PIR, W6BEP, K6KRF, K6VLH, W6EFI, and W6OHR present. K6IMV gave the treasurer's report from January to July 7, 1958 - the balance is \$234.95. Parky also reported that the auction brought the club \$29.20 - thanks to the many who donated stuff for the club's benefit. Parky also stated that there is one new member for 1959 already! Dwayne Eskridge, W6LKE, has his 1959 membership paid up already!! How about that?

It was decided that Saturday, 8/9, W6OHR, W6LGW, K6IMV, and if K6KRF could make it he'd be there too, to pick up the generator from Smith Hill and get it over to Fred Caudel, W6DEX. Fred said that he would be glad to have a look at it and get it back into good repair. Many thanks, Fred.

A discussion was brought up regarding the large sum of money held in CCRC (Central California Radio Council) as a surplus of funds from the Nat'l Convention in S. F. There have been many proposals presented to the CCRC as to what to do with this money (a sum of somewhere between five and six thousand dollars). Our CCRC rep. wud (continued top of page)

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like to know how the club members feel about this money. Because the pending proposals before CCRC have not been officially brought before the club before, the Board authorized MDARC's rep (Parky) to vote to table all the suggestions and proposals until each representative has a chance to bring them back to the clubs for the members to give their ideas and instructions to the rep. The CCRC meeting was held at the QTH of W6LGW, Wednesday, August 6. Details of this meeting and other subjects will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Pete Peterson, W6LGW, as EC, has been officially contacted and requested to get five operators lined up for the annual Trail Ride, which will take place August 30 and 31 this year. Of course, there will be a swell steak dinner for operator and XYL at Barbeque Flat Saturday night. Anyone interested should contact Pete.

W6OHR, Ed Fox, Pres., gave us more details of the up and coming Social Evening! Looks like a swell time is planned for all. This social affair will be for adults only, a dinner party. Menu will most likely be roast beef, however, some type of fish dinner will also be served. Cards with return sections will be mailed out prior to the dinner. Will surely appreciate you returning them with your indication of menu and how many adults will be in your party. We anticipate a big turnout, so get those cards back as soon as you can! Date: Friday night - September 26.

Meeting was adjourned over hot coffee and doughnuts, served by Lee, K60BB (Mrs. K6IMV).

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QST RENEWALS - How about it? If your subscription to QST is running out, send your \$4.00 and renewal card to K6IMV, Parky, 1601 Onley Dr., Concord!

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Public Service Awards were issued to all stations participating in the communications during the flood in April. Congratulations to you fellas! (and gals, too, of course).

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Geri McGlynn received some swell gear from her brother (a Dr. who has been to both North and South poles on expeditions). He sent Geri a Dx-35 and receiver, plus all the necessary items for a complete station! That will get Geri off to a good start when she gets on the air! She is currently attending W6LGW's code and theory classes in Alamo. \*\*see below

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K6TPO, Bert Parkinson, had an unusual experience the night of "Operation Star" that we forgot to tell you about and that was that while he was with the group, he became a "litter case" and was taken off to the hospital with a supposedly broken tibia. When he got to the hospital, the people participating in the SET didn't know what a tibia was, so Bert told them he had a broken arm! Turned out later that the tibia is a leg bone!

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#### HOT COALS FROM CLUB PICNIC!

The club picnic was a big success this year - it was held at Robert's Recreational area in Oakland (Skyline Blvd). Those attending with their families were W6FKX, W6JYZ, K6IMV, K6ZNH, W6LGW, K6BQP, W6FAR, K6AQ, W6CAN, K6ZBL, W6IEH, W6OHR, W6HOF, K6JPR, K6OGT, and guests.

Big baseball game took up part of the day and the next day many complained of muscles bothering them that they didn't know they had! Lotsa fun had by all. If you didn't go, you missed a good time.

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See you at the Dinner Party! Sept. 26

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Send your QST renewals to Parky, K6IMV. He will mail your renewal in - and in this way earn 50¢ for the club!

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(\*\*Geri's brother is Father Dan Linehan, famous explorer in the Arctic and Antarctic. He is also a radio ham! - you may have read about him before! Geri's OM, Andy, is also taking the code classes now, too)

HEY DOUG LORTSHER, W6KLM, if you read this rag before or after you print it we got a personal message for you..... Parky wants to know when you are going to have sum membership card samples to show him? - h-m-m-m-m-m..Whatsay?

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#### WRINKLED ROSTER TIME AGAIN:

Welcome to the new member to the club!

Al Jose, K6MFA

159 Hall Lane, Walnut Creek

Welcome to you old members with delayed action!

Jess Meredith, K6KWX

1813 Noemi Dr., Concord. MU 5-6249

Jim Allen, W6HSY

37 Hillside Dr., Concord

Don Stevens, W6IDC

2012 Rutherford St., Oakland

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#### LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Auctioneer Doc Radovich, W6CXP, gets a big hand from the club for doing such a good job of coaxing the extra duckets out of the boys who were bidding on the stuff for sale at the meeting. The club made a profit of almost \$30.00 (see Board Meeting news). There was mucho items for sale, and some pretty good bargains we under-stand. Electronic keys, transmitters, convertible 2 mtr xmtr and rcvr sure plus, boxes of transformers, tubes, wire, plus miscellaneous goodies. Several boxes were donated to the club for whatever they brought. Jess Meredith, K6KWX, Doc Radovich, and others gave items for the club to sell

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The highest bid of the evening was \$30.00 for a Harvey-Wells Xmtr, all other items in the auction went for bargain prices of less than that!

Sorry if you missed the auction, but be sure to come next time! We're sure you'll be glad you did!

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KEYCLIXANDCHIRPZ

K6EHX, Dave Pearce, is now driving a late model Chevrolet, after being hit enroute to Field Day site in July!

W6LKE, Dwayne Eskridge, is going fishing and camping up in the north woods for one week.

K6YXU, Randy Matthews, recently returned from vacationing in Indiana.

W6LGS, Dave Silkitis, is stationed at the Naval Training Station, San Diego. Passed electronic's exams real high!! Hope we'll be hearing from him soon.

W6IEH, Fred Sisson, is also on vacation, but no details as yet.

K6ZWJ, Chuck Weiss, has a new home rig and trap doublet - pretty good, eh??? (He and Xyl each have one?)

K6VLH, Joe Deas, is now busy rounding up parts for a mobile rig. Didn't say what freq.

W6KTF, Bud McDaniel, is up north someplace on vacation. Working 75 meters mobile/6.

K6ILH, Blackie Lawrence, is on vacation in one of the Carolinas...North or South we don't know yet, but he will be back in about a month, and we'll find out!

W6QCM, Roy Hill (W6QEP's son), has extended his enlistment for another year. He is stationed in Japan. (New mamasan?)

W6QEN, Miles Slape, is really flying these days - he and family flew down to Odessa, Texas, to have an eyeball QSO with Miles' brother Harold, K5B0V.

W6CGS, Jim Hilliard, is passing out cigars for a new addition in the fam. A new baby boy! Congrats!

MORATHASAME

W6QEP, is now sporting a late model Chevie with a web whip attached. Xyl, Ralphie, hasn't let him drill holes in the dash yet! Gud luck, Elmer! (We advise that he contact local mobile hams for arguments to convince XYL that these holes should be tolerated! hi!)

W6BEP, XYL, and another couple will be leaving for Clear Lake the week of August 17. They plan to camp out with the gnats for about 10 days! Have fun Charlie!

W6CXP, John (Doc) Radovich, is no longer "Concord's Xpert Pharmacist." He is elsewhere employed, but no info yet as to where or what. (probably auctioneering for some tobacco co!)

W6HSY, (Welcome back to club) Jim Allen is now speeding around in a new '58 Olds and hopes to be mobile again soon!

W6HOF, Bob Richter, has been building a new mobile rig which he will be using on his trip (vacationing up north). Maybe we can get him off the grid-dip 2 meter rig!

George Schroder passed the GENERAL CLASS EXAM recently! We don't know what the call is going to be yet, but we're sure we'll all find out as soon as he receives it! (He has rig all ready to go on the air!)

Wv6AZI, Madelyn Weiss, is very proudly sporting that new call! Congrats! (Mrs. K6ZWJ)

Say, how many of you guys got trampled Saturday, Aug. 9, when Robert's Surplus in Oakland had a sale of surplus at 4¢ per pound! Gadzooks!

Sept. 26 - don't forget the date for the Social Evening - Fun for all!!!!

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CENTRAL CALIFORNIA RADIO COUNCIL held their regular monthly meeting at the QTH of W6LGW this month - in Alamo. Those attending were: the East Bay SCM Bill Southwell, W6OJW; Ed Roussey, W6VCZ (San Mateo Radio Club); Parky Parkinson, K6IMV (Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club); SF. SCM, Fred Laubscher, W6OPI; John Hopkins, K6AQ (secretary of CCRC - President last year); Ed Turner, W6NVO, (CCRC Pres. - North Peninsula Electronics Club); and Archie Waring, W6ACN (representing so many clubs we haven't got room to print them all! Hi!)

Each representative from the various clubs gave a short report on what was going on for the month and what is planned ahead. The San Mateo Radio Club is having a big SWAP NIGHT this Wednesday (Aug. 13), being held at the Red Cross Hdq. 1449 Bellview Ave., Burlingame. Ed, W6VCZ, sez it will be a big swap and auction fest, if U are interested.

Of course, discussion came up about what to do with all that money! (the surplus \$ from the convention...about \$6000!). Some of the suggestions on the agenda are as follows:

1. Turn entire amount over to the ARRL to hold as a scholarship fund.

2. Turn money over to two schools in San Francisco for scholarships (the schools for handicapped, etc., for scholarships for electronics students)

3. Spend the money on an invention for audio tuning devices for blind hams who cannot see the meters to tune their rigs. (Using the interest accumulated on the principal).

4. Hold in CCRC treasury for backlog and help for other clubs giving hamfests, conventions, etc.

#### DISCUSSION

Advantage of No. 1: This idea would relieve CCRC of all responsibility of the money, and would simply give up the works. (con't top of page)

#### DISCUSSION, Cont'd.

Disadvantage of No. 1: The money will wind up in the ARRL General Fund, and ARRL would receive full publicity for awarding of scholarships and the amt would be forever lost to the people who made it.

Advantage of No. 2: Same as No. 1.

Disadvantage of No. 2: Why drop the \$ to a SF school? - money problem should be figured out so that all areas and HAMS should benefit. All electronics students become hams or are they interested in it.

Advantage of No. 3: This idea would bring about much needed good for lots of handicapped people WHO ARE HAMS ALREADY! Also, human interest publicity would invite other organizations to assist, thereby giving long lasting benefit to many more hams, everywhere.

Disadvantage of No. 3: The CCRC or appointed committee would have to be in charge of the necessary paperwork for taking care of the trust fund for this idea, however, for a worthy cause this disadvantage is not too strong.

Advantage of No. 4: CCRC would be a leaning post for any club needing financial aid in time of conventions, hamfests, etc., to make them run OK.

Disadvantage of No. 4: Would not be a benefit to hams not belonging to CCRC. Would limit the benefits when they would not help individuals.

REMEMBER, many other ideas for this money will be thought up, and if you have any, be sure to bring it up at the meeting for discussion. The CCRC will never have this large amount of money again - a once in a blue-moon legacy - we must be sure that we make a wise decision so that the benefit to all is not lost by a hasty move!!! Really give this matter some thought, and give us your opinions. (lettered)



WE GOOFED! A new process was to be tried this month, in order for us to have pictures in this issue.

BUT, due to unforeseen circumstances (like not knowing what we're doing), our experiment did not work.

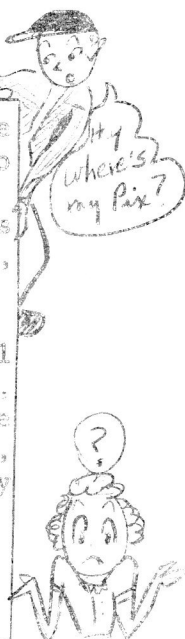
It seems that the multilith mat will take a print of a picture all right, but the picture AND mat have to be processed (under special treatment), which, as we find out, is rather costly thus we have decided against it.

Sorry kids, but maybe someone else can come up with a good idea!

IN THE SPACE ABOVE...YOU SHOULD HAVE seen a picture of the FD site with K6IMV, Parky WORKING! But we guess the shock was too great for the photo apparatus and things didn't work out. But, we'll keep working on a system, and maybe one of these days we'll hit on something!

Speaking of Field Day -- Immediately following the meeting this Friday, which promises not to be too late for you fellas, all interested parties are asked to stick around for a short discussion regarding Field Day. Maybe with a group of FD enthusiasts, some of our questions can be answered. How can we do better? What is the best bracket for chance to win with number of operators? How about building up some rigs strictly for FD? Remember, there are thousands of clubs attempting to take the high score in FD. Wouldn't it be nice to have our club beat them out? It can be done, but it depends on YOU. Let's get our problems ironed out early, and keep up the enthusiasm for the next try. A well organized operation and well thought-out should do better and get the high points. See you after the meeting!

READ THE HAMADZ IN THIS ISSUE - Lotsa stuff for sale - bargains - set your station up like new! See the one on the right!



### CCRC MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned and W6LGW's XYL served some hearty eats for all the gang.

The CCRC meets once a month, and our rep is notified of each coming meeting. If you would like to attend, be getting in touch with K6IMV, K6AQ, or W6LGW. (good refreshments, too!)

### HEY GANG - TAKE A LOOKAT THIS!

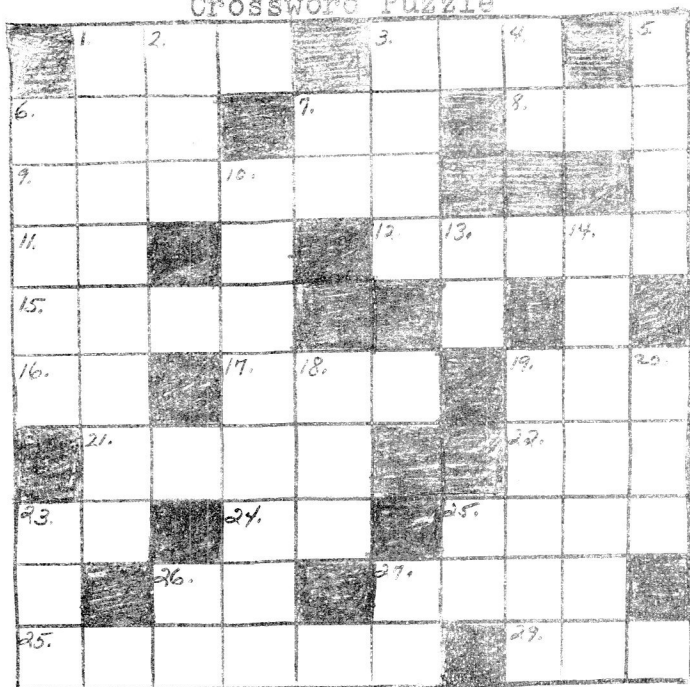
Got a letter today which will be of interest to many of you - here goes: "K6EYB (Chick Adelman) closing fixed station. Major components include Collins 75A2 with Xtal calibrator, 500 watt transmitter using single 4X250B, vacuum capacitor, coax relay in final with versatile lab type pwr supply in 42" wooden rack cabinet on casters. BC652A rcvr, BC454rcvr with power supply. Test equipment consists of Miller Grid Dipper, Heath VTVM with RF and HV probes, Simpson midgetester Model 355, IML8 freq. meters. Almost new Mosley trap type vertical antenna with radial wires and 50' coax. Many components xfrmrs, chokes, capacitors, meters, resistors, relays, switches and mobile power supplies, wire, etc. etc. on which you can practically name your price! Many tubes, including four 125A's, 6146's, 2E26's, either new or only slightly used. If you need anything at all, check me first, everything MUST GO. Call Chick, VERNON 7-6969 - that is VERNON 7-6969, evenings or come out and look around. Address: 9 Ocho Rios Place, Danville."

That sounds like a swell bunch of equipment - so we suggest that you get on the ball and contact Chick today so you won't miss out! (we hope Chick isn't moving away!)

### Standard Notice:

The opinions expressed in this issue, or subsequent issues, are not necessarily those of THE CARRIER, the Ed., or the staff.

## Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

1. To repair or adjust
3. Charged particle
6. Steering device for fish
7. Arabic; Abbr.
8. Period of time
9. Magnetic material used in speakers.
11. Chemical symbol for radium
12. Broadcast-band interference
15. Units of electrical flow
16. Prefix denoting to go down
17. Vase
19. Vegetable
21. River in Egypt
22. Effect of coil on power factor
23. Height; Abbr.
24. A public notice
25. Create
26. Pronoun
27. To deaden or soften the sound of an instrument.
28. Measuring instruments
29. To make a mistake

"Over Modulation," the monthly publication of the Pointsettia Radio Club  
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## DOWN

1. Load for an A battery
2. Tavern
3. Magnetic Conductor
4. Chemical symbol for gas used in glow lamps.
5. Propagated periodic effect of an oscillator.
6. Capacitance unit
7. Type of current
10. To isolate and electrical conductor
13. From
14. Audio output xfmr load
18. Color representing 2 in resistor color code.
19. Positive part of a vacuum tube
20. To grow old
23. Amateur Radio Operator
25. Amplification factor
26. Mediterranean country; Abbr.
27. Degree given by colleges; Abbr.

in Ventura, Calif., carried a dandy crossword puzzle in their July issue. We have worked it out (we hope right) and so are taking the liberty of re-printing it here. We will print the solution next month. (If we have not figured it out ok, Pointsettia's next issue should straighten us out!)

K6PIL, Jack Terry, wrote a nice letter this mo. to W6LGW, saying that since he was usually around for the 2 mtr ck-in, he would be glad to take the part of acting Net Control Station!!! A 1958 NDARC Roster and complete list of 2 meter men are being forwarded to Jack subsequent to the printing of this CARRIER. Thanks, Jack for your FB letter!

K6QHC, Gerry Bogdenoff, received his Section Net Certificate from the ARRL this month. Congrats, Gerry!

Did we tell you that a certificate for first place in the East Bay VHF party went to K6TPO, Bert Parkinson?

## OLD STUFFE!

By the time you read this, W6LGW will have the new beam up on the house! Two and 6 meters will be well taken care of! It will be a 60 ft tower, so no more 6 meter reception trouble. (We hope not too much of the other kind, either!)

## MORE MDARC PICNIC NOTES

The Mumford's (W6FAR) got there early and held a good table for the gang and had the coffee pot going. John K6AQ and Vera set up the lemonade stand. Eating was almost continuous from the time the gang got there until they left after 7:00PM. At 2:00P the hidden xmtr hunt got underway with Bob Richter hiding (about 10 miles away!) W6LGW and W6OHR (both cars loaded with hunters) roamed around for a while, and W6LGW came in first with K6AQ turning the beam.

Baseball game success - with "Babe Ruth" Parkinson, K6IMV, hitting all the homers. The Newman Comforts, K6-BQP, got there a little later, but in plenty of time for eats and the ball game. Newman had one plenty-good roll-over running after someone going to base! On way home most everyone drove back thru Redwood Canyon, in caravan style - with G. Henderson, K6ZNH, on his motor scooter! K6IMV, W6LGW, and K6JPR, Brad Sage, were all 75 meters mobile. Lotsa fun, Gang!!!

From Official ARRL Bulletin #660

U.S. Amateurs who would like to operate in Canada can do so by obtaining authorization. Obtain, fill out and file forms through Telecommunications Division, Department of Transport, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Write for forms well in advance. See P.9 in QST, April 1957, for more border mobile work.

## GET THIS!

Official Bulletin #664, ARRL  
The Federal Communications Commission has now made final its proposal in Docket 11994 concerning the eleven meter band and effective Sept. 11, withdraws 26,960 to 27,230 kc from amateur use. Details in Sept. QST.

K6IMV, Parky, was showing us the other day that he was certain that someone might have been using his call. The reason for this was that he had a QSL card confirming a contact on 20 meters, and he has no 20 meter gear!! But Parky will not give up the QSL - shows he got a 5-69-RST from Moscow!! He says, "Oh, well, that's another foreign country confirmed!" hi-hi.

## CD NEWS

This month, the 6 meter net NCS was officially operated by W6PIR, Mary. Each check-in was sent a letter and list of net members, along with a brochure about traffic and net procedure. Also a questionnaire was sent to all fellas checking in lately, in hopes to get a complete listing of all the gang, and whether or not they need a 50.68 Xtal. Also on this form there is a place to indicate if you have a TVI problem, and need any help getting rid of it. So far several forms are returned, and the consensus of opinion from these few is that 6 meter xmtr hunts would not interest them. This means that the net will have to originate some traffic. You may know that this type of traffic is really hard to think up, so if you fellas (and gals) who are not net members, would like to get some TFC on the air, give any of the local boys a call, and we'll take whatcha got. We should practice the message form, and get more interest going on the 6 mtr net. Comments, anyone?

## FOR SALE:

All items must go!

Practically name your own price!

Collins 75A2 with Xtal calibrator, 500 w xmtr using single 4X250B, vacuum capacitor, coax relay in final with versatile lab-type power supply, BC652A rcvr, BC454 rcvr with power supply. Many more items - Chick Adelman, VE 7-6969.

W6PIR, Your Editor was in the news this month! You may have seen the very nice write-up which appeared in the Oakland Tribune, July 29, showing Mary, her dad Pete, and Daughter Nancy at the rig, plus a write-up abt Mary's various activities - both ham and non-ham! Mom Peterson was not in the picture, but did get in the write up as "chief-cook-and-bottle-washer," for the ham doings held at the LGW QTH. (Honorable mention for grub!)

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 SAN JOSE STEAK FEED & BARBEQUE FEST  
 July 26 the gang from MDARC left early believing that the festivities started at 10:00 AM. Misprint -- should have been 1:00 PM - but Paul, W6WGO, met everyone at the gate. The xmtr hunt was difficult (couldn't hear fox unless on a hill), but it was fun, even though the MDARC gang didn't win it! Bob Short, K6DEL, won a prize for his mobile rig. The 4 o'clock steak was served at 6, but we had a good time meeting friends and rag chewing. Paul acted as MC and kept the ball rolling until eat time. The dinner was really worth waiting for! The steak was as big as the plate, and everything good along with it. No, our gang did not win the big prize but little Nancy Lorenz, LYL of W6PIR won a prize and walked up by herself to claim it. She won a Jr. code oscillator - and she uses it, too! Good thing she didn't win the big prize, though, as you know who would have used it - and we don't think Nancy would have given it up!  
 Anyway, the San Jose gang has done it again...making it possible for us to meet our friends in a pleasant place, and have some good food too! Thanks again, SJRC!

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 K6IRB sent this in:

Seen in Oakland Tribune, Aug. 6: "Martinez Hooks to Ham Network - Linking of the city of Martinez with the Radio Amateur Communication Emergency System was announced today. Norman Abramovitch (K6DKZ), coordinator of the city's Civil Defense and Disaster agency, said the FCC and State Disaster Office have OK'd operation of radio transmitters at the local office. Call assigned is K6DKZ.

# AUCTION FOR ALL - BIG PRIZES!

Free swimming, entertainment  
 The West's biggest AUCTIONFEST will be held on August 23, 1958 at Hidden Valley Ranch (between Mission San Jose and Warm Springs). A chance at the main drawing prize plus swimming and all the rest; can be had for the unbelievably small fee of \$1.50/head! Plan now to bring the Xyl and all the harmonics. Entertainment for the entire family! Baseball, mobile judging, hidden xmtr hunts, beer, soft drinks, bring your white elephants or whathaveyou - nothing too small or too large. Remember August 23, for only \$1.50 (includes park admission and chance on grand prize)!!!

This affair is sponsored by the Hayward Radio Club, Inc., and their latest activity was a swell time had at a progressive mobile dinner! That sounds like it would be fun - mobile from house to house for the eats, and ending up for dancing, etc., at the last place.

(\*\*prizes mentioned above include:  
 WRL tri-band beam (Frank Quements)  
 Two (2) hybrid Qwik patches (FQ)  
 Five (5) Elmar gift certificates  
 Five (5) Robert's Surplus Gift Cert.  
 Combination VTVM and capacity bridge, valued at \$75.00 - a variac 20 amp - 10 meter transceiver - 2 meter transceiver, plus many more!)

## FOR SALE:

One SX25 Receiver \$60.00

One AF67 Elmac Xmtr \$125.00

Contact JACK LEWIS, W6IHR  
 230 Verde Mesa, Danville  
 Vernon 7-4881

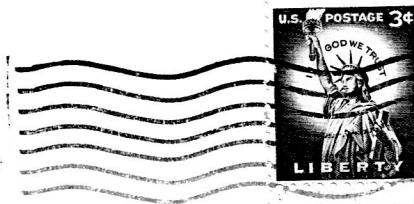


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